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SUBJECT: U.S.-CANADA BILATERAL ON PRIORITIES: SAFEGUARDS

REF: (A) GENEVA 10105, (B) GENEVA 09256

1. DURING SESSION REPORTED REFTEL CANADIANS BRIEFLY
RAISED SAFEGUARDS, EXCLUSIVELY FROM STANDPOINT OF
ACCOMMODATING THEIR SHORT TERM HORTICULTURAL CONCERNS
IN WHATEVER PACKAGE UNDERSTANDING WAS REACHED BY JULY 15.
WHILE NOTING THAT FORMAL OTTAWA CLEARANCE STILL PENDING
AND APOLOGIZING FOR LONG DELAY ON SPECIFICS, GREY ASSERTED
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THAT CANADA "COULD NOT SIGN" A SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT IF
THAT ISSUE WEREN'T DEALT WITH SATISFACTORILY. HE NOTED
ONCE AGAIN (SEE REF B) THAT FORMAT WAS NOT THE CRUCIAL
POINT. THERE HAD TO BE, HOWEVER, A VALID UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN U.S., CANADA, AND A FEW OTHERS THAT WHATEVER THE
FINAL TEXT, THE SAFEGUARDS CODE COULD BE APPLIED IN A
WAY WHICH WOULD ACCOMMODATE THE PECULIARITIES OF CANADIAN

HORTICULTURAL SAFEGUARD PROBLEMS. IT WOULD NOT BE LEGITIMATE TO ARGUE THAT CANADA WAS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH CODE REQUIREMENTS WHEN IT TOOK SAFEGUARD ACTIONS OF A GENERIC KIND WHICH THE CODE DRAFTERS HAD NOT PROVIDED FOR BUT WHICH WERE TRADITIONALLY (AND PREFERABLY) TAKEN UNDER ARTICLE XIX.

2. WE INDICATED ON INFORMAL BASIS THAT ONLY REALLY DIFFICULT PART OF PROPOSAL AS FURNISHED US IN REF (B) WAS THE INJECTION OF CANADIAN PHILOSOPHY ON PAYMENT FOR "TRADE DAMAGE"--A MATTER WHERE WE HAVE HAD GENERAL DIFFERENCES OF VIEW WITH THE CANADIANS IN NEGOTIATING CHAPTER 3 OF THE DRAFT CODE. LEAVING OUT THAT PORTION WOULD MAKE THE REST OF THEIR PROPOSITION MORE MANAGEABLE. MOST URGENT NEED, HOWEVER, WAS CONFIRMATION THAT PROPOSAL WAS NOW TO BE TAKEN AS AN OFFICIAL CANADIAN POSITION. NOTE: WE RECEIVED SUCH CONFIRMATION THIS MORNING (6 JULY) PLUS REVISED VERSION OF PROPOSED TEXT WHICH WILL BE TRANSMITTED SEPTEL.

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